



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 396**

LCO No. 1864



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:

SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN  
PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 10a of the general statutes be amended to require the
- 2 public institutions of higher education in this state to (1) establish
- 3 maximum salary limits for administrative and professional employees
- 4 approved by the Office of Policy and Management, (2) obtain approval
- 5 from said office for the creation of any new senior administrative or
- 6 management position as well as the salary and benefits for such new
- 7 positions, (3) develop and implement a plan, which shall be approved
- 8 by said office, to reduce administrative costs by not less than five per
- 9 cent for the budget adopted for the academic year beginning in the fall
- 10 of 2016 and limit future increases in administrative costs to not more
- 11 than the general rate of inflation, (4) submit audited financial
- 12 statements documenting the reduction in administrative costs and
- 13 future increases to said office, (5) submit purchasing contracts to open
- 14 competitive bidding and proof of compliance with bidding
- 15 requirements to said office and the Department of Administrative

16 Services, which shall jointly certify compliance before any such  
17 contract may be finalized, (6) submit line item budgets to said office  
18 and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
19 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations,  
20 which shall hold a joint public hearing on the budgets prior to their  
21 adoption, and (7) submit tuition increases that exceed the rate of  
22 inflation by more than fifteen per cent to the Connecticut General  
23 Assembly for approval.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To reduce administrative costs, increase financial accountability and limit tuition increases at the public institutions of higher education in this state.